MNM Fatal 2005-28

- Fall of Person
- October 12, 2005 (Ohio)
- Industrial Sand Operation
- Bagger
- 37 years old
- 10 weeks mining experience

Overview

The victim was shoveling sand that had accumulated along the edges of the roof of a bulk bag warehouse. He fell 17.5 feet to a loading dock below.



Causal Factor

Safe work procedures were inadequate. Personnel assigned to shovel accumulations of material on the edge of the roof were not briefed regarding the use of fall protection when the task was assigned. The victim shoveled parallel to the edge of the roof without wearing a safety belt secured to a line. No anchorage points to secure a line had been installed.

Best Practices

- Stop, Look, Analyze, and Manage (SLAM) each task to identify all potential hazards. Initiate action to protect yourself when performing every task.
- Train all miners to recognize health and safety hazards of the assigned task and ensure that steps are taken to safely complete the task.
- Always wear appropriate fall protective equipment where hazards from falling exist.